Some beat-up cars find new life as Robbie Baumgart's works of art

For Robbie Baumgart, what would otherwise be trash truly is his treasure. And as an auto repair specialist for the past 35 years, a lot of trash crosses his path.

Baumgart, who has worked at La Jolla Independent BMW for 20 years, has always shown an interest in art. His mother, he said, has painted for as long as he can remember, and both his grandfather and great-grandfather were accomplished painters and sculptors. Baumgart said he finds these similarities between his creations and those of his great-grandfather’s, created more than 100 years ago.

It started about a decade ago when Baumgart, in an attempt to keep his boon children busy at the body shop, began playing around with scrap metal with them. They would pound the metal into the shape of a sea turtle, and even Baumgart was somewhat surprised with the result.

After a while, Baumgart branched out. He started making sculptures of whales, turning car hoods that had met with an untimely demise into a work of art. The connection between creating a like-new car and creating art, he said, seemed natural.

“When a car would come in all smashed up, I could fix it,” he said. “I could make it look like it did before. I’ve had 35 years of straightening up bent cars.”

Apart from serving as an effective “stress reliever,” the art began to have an unexpected effect: it started to make him better at his job.

“I’ve always thought that if I were ever to teach a class at an auto body school, the first thing I’d do is to have the students create other stuff [with metal],” he said. “It really keeps your senses.”

With that in mind, Baumgart began to seriously consider the idea of sharing his skill with others. He even drafted a plan for a class to teach metal sculpting, designed specifically for cancer patients (he’s a survivor of lymphoma, having kicked it once in 1989, then again after a relapse in 1997 with a stem-cell transplant at UCSD — “I don’t know if it has had any bearing on my art, but how can you go through something life-altering illness and not have it influence you in some way?”).

The class never came to fruition, but he did have the opportunity to share it with children. A chance meeting and a conversation about his art with a fellow customer at Bird Rock Coffee Roasters brought about the opportunity to create a sea turtle sculpture with a class of third-graders at Bird Rock Elementary last year (an event (pouring on metal with no consequences) that would be any 8-year-old’s dream.

“They seemed to have quite a time,” he said. “They all grabbed different mallets and just smashed it with all their might.”

Baumgart has had other opportunities to teach. He has been asked to be the main attraction at birthday parties and other children’s events, helping kids create their very own art — to much success.

“The enjoyment I get is the sense of pride the kids have afterward, because what comes out of it is really pretty nice,” he said. "When they show their parents what they’ve made, their parents are blown away. One party was a bunch of little girls, and they were all screaming and cheering while making it, I thought. ‘If that’s the last memory I ever have, I’ll die with a smile.'"

Of his subject matter, Baumgart feels no loss of inspiration. Sea turtles, he said, are long distance auto travel on the spread of epidemics. By researching the mechanisms by which diseases are spread, she reexamined the popularly held notion that

San Diego a bright light in California’s solar energy

The Environment California Research & Policy Center, a statewide citizen-based advocacy organization, recently named San Diego top in the state for solar rooftop installations, announced Mayor Jerry Sanders at a press conference on Jan. 24.

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DOES YOUR ZIP-CODE FIT YOUR LIFESTYLE?

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By NEAL PUTNAM | VILLAGE NEWS

A City Council committee voted 4-0 Jan. 25 to recommend that all parking tickets not paid by the 21st day after the citation was written will be subject to a late fee that nearly doubles the ticket.

The full City Council will vote in February or March on the recommendation by the Budget and Finance Committee. Some tickets will cost more than $100 if a late fee is added. A second late fee of $10 will be added if the ticket isn’t paid by the 57th day.

A heavy late fee is already assessed on late parking tickets, but these proposed changes increase the fee to $840-65, depending on the ticket.

The city auditor recommended a change to the standard 30-day wait before a late fee is assessed, shortening the deadline by nine days. The auditor’s report suggested the city modify its payment and appeal timeline to that of state standards.

The California vehicle sections state that a parking ticket must be paid or contested within 21 days from the date of issuance or 14 days after the mailing of the notice of a parking violation, according to the auditor’s report.

District 7 City Councilwoman Marti Emerald made the motion to forward the changes to the City Council and committee chairman Todd Gloria seconded the motion. No one spoke against the idea and no public speakers came out for or against the proposed changes.

The committee also voted to send a delinquent ticket into collections on the 73rd day after it is written, which would place a hold on vehicle registration through the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Late fees would not apply for some parking tickets like parking in a disabled spot without a placard. Disabled parking violations run between about $350 and $450.

FOR A LIST OF POTENTIAL LATE-FEE INCREASES, SEE TICKETS, PAGE 5

How to Sell Your Own Home Without an Agent

SAN DIEGO. If you’ve tried to sell your home yourself, you know that the minute you put the “For Sale by Owner” sign up, the phone will start ringing off the hook. Unfortunately, most calls aren’t from prospective buyers, but rather from every real estate agent in town who will start hounding you for your listing.

After all, with the proper information, selling a home isn’t easy. Perhaps, you’ve had your home on the market for several months with no offers from qualified buyers. This can be a very frustrating time, and many homeowners have given up on their dreams of selling their homes themselves. But don’t give up until you’ve read a new report entitled “Sell Your Own Home” which has been prepared specifically for home sellers like you. You’ll find that selling your home by yourself is entirely possible once you understand the process.

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Desmond Wheatley, president and CEO of Envision Solar, emphasized the importance of making renewable energy appealing to a broader audience through sound design, as well as educating the local population about the benefits of solar.

The local company has been at the forefront of San Diego's solar growth since its founding by environmental architect Robert Noble in 2006. The company's key product, the Solar Tree, is a patented photovoltaic shade structure designed to meet a variety of applications—from shading vehicles from the sun, producing energy and advancing the infrastructure for electric vehicles—all in aesthetically appealing iconic designs.

The Solar Tree arrays, or Solar Groves, have been planted throughout the city at locations like UCSD's Gilman and Hopkins parking structures, Kyocera's employee parking lot, and, most recently, SDG&E's Energy Innovation Center in Clairemont, which utilizes Envision Solar's latest EnvisionTrak model, which silently tracks the sun throughout the day to capture even more of the sun's energy.

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**NEWSbriefs**

**Murder conviction upheld in ‘Bird Rock Bandit’ case**

The state Supreme Court upheld the murder conviction Seth Cravens, a La Jolla High School graduate convicted of the 2007 murder of La Jolla surfer Emery Kauanui, Jr., 24.

Cravens was convicted in 2008 of second-degree murder after he dealt a blow to Kauanui that resulted in a brain injury during a street fight. In 2010, his conviction was reduced to voluntary manslaughter by an appellate court, which determined Cravens could not have known the punch he dealt to Kauanui would result in death.

The Supreme Court overturned that ruling. In the majority opinion, Associate Justice Marvin R. Baxter wrote, “The Court of Appeals not only failed to acknowledge that the fatal blow here was a sucker punch (or that it was inflicted with enough force to knock Kauanui unconscious before he even hit the pavement), but failed as well to grapple with the evidence tending to show [Cravens’] pattern of using sucker punches to his advantage.”

Cravens was one of five defendants known as the “Bird Rock Bandits.” On May 24, 2007, they drove to Kauanui’s mother’s home on Draper Avenue following a bar altercation. Cravens punched Kauanui, who fell and struck his head on the pavement. He died four days later in a hospital.

Cravens, now 26, would have had his sentence reduced to 16 years under the voluntary manslaughter charge. He will serve out his full sentence of 20 years to life as a result of the Supreme Court’s ruling.

**Calling all kindergartners**

Bird Rock Elementary School will host its informational meeting and school tour for parents of incoming kindergartners and new students on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the school auditorium, 5171 La Jolla Hermosa Avenue.

Parents will tour the campus, learn about the school and its programs, meet the teachers and principal and have questions answered by the principal, parents and staff.

The event is geared for adults only. For more information, visit www.ljcd.net/birdrock.

**UCSD coach faces sexual abuse charges**

A fencing coach at La Jolla Country Day School is facing charges of sexual abuse related to an inappropriate relationship with a student.

Vijay Prasad, 50, will be arraigned today, Feb. 2, on 13 felony charges ranging from a lewd act upon a child 14 or 15 years of age to sodomy of a person under 16 by a person over 21 years of age. He faces 11 years in state prison if convicted, according to the District Attorney’s Office.

Prasad operated an after-school fencing program at the school.

Prasad’s bail is set at $200,000. He was supposed to be arraigned Jan. 31, but Judge David Szumowski granted a defense request to delay the hearing.

Prosecutors declined to discuss further details in the case.
**AREA CHEFS PAIR WITH NAPA WINES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION**

UCSD's biological sciences division has cooked up a recipe for a delightful evening fundraiser with a sampling of delectable cuisine, a sprinkling of fine wine, a dash of art and a spoonful of informative culinary conversation. The event will be made tastier still by its emission: to raise funds for much-needed environmental science scholarships for the division's undergraduate program and "Invent the Future." UCSD's signature $50 million student-support campaign.

The expertly fused combination of food, drink, art and science will come together in the deliciously informative event themed “Heart di Vite” on Feb. 5, offering guests the best of what California has to offer at the oceanfront. LEED-certified Scripps Seaside Forum.

San Diego’s “Cooks Confab,” a group of 17 celebrated chefs from various regional restaurants, will showcase their extraordinary culinary talents through the creation of local, sustainable and one-of-a-kind menus specially made for guests at “Heart di Vite” to enjoy.

The participating chefs will give their all in a friendly competition judged by a panel of local celebrities for the honor of “Top Green Chef” and a prime package awarded by Hope & Grace Wines, assuring guests will get the best of the best in local fare.

And what finer accompaniment for the exquisitely prepared cuisine than alongside Napa Valley’s finest premium biodynamic and organic wines by the area’s top winemakers, surrounded by an array of artwork by renowned environmentally conscious artists!

Visual masterpieces by the featured artists will be available for purchase alongside other items in a live and silent auction, including a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be included in Valentine Popov’s exclusive “100 Portrait Series,” a collection that pays tribute to Andy Warhol’s unfinished dream of showcasing an entire collection of faces to cover the walls of an exhibition space. In addition to raising funds for the future’s environmental leaders, stewards and innovators, hosts of the event will provide a dose of education to spread awareness about the growing environmental threats to California’s wine country, farmlands and waterways.

"Understanding biology is vital for all of us to understand how we can become healthier, how we can become better stewards of our environment and how we can shape a new bio-based economy," said Steve Kay, dean of UCSD’s biological sciences division. "Heart di Vite is a celebration of science and art, and truly a celebration of our students’ potential to dramatically improve the quality of our lives.”

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In essence, Lind is advocating for areas that are not managed by the govern-
ment to become managed through self-governance. Self-governance is doomed to fail, and Lind is advocating for an idea that has never been successful.

The marine life protection act is not a panacea, but it is the only way to save our ocean. For more information, visit www.southern-california-marine.org.

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Conservation program coordinator, WILCOX

Letter to the Editor

Southern Californians must stand up for our oceans’, wildlife’s health

Be Letter to the Editor: “Marine Life Protection Act not a boon for everyone” (Be).”(Underwater Parks Day: a HV for lumberjacks and ocean lovers,” Jan. 12, Page 9).

Though Mr. Lind’s comment that the marine Life Protection Act was a legislative bill and not on a ballot, Southern California residents did say “yes” to establishing marine protected areas. Over the last 30 years, the Fish and Game Commission received tens of thousands of comments supporting marine protected areas. Public hearings in places like Santa Barbara, San Diego and Los Angeles drew thousands of supporters of the idea that marine protected areas are beneficial to our local marine ecosystems in their regions. This shows that California does care about our ocean’s health.

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Custodians of La Jolla’s codes must be up to code themselves

Be “The Whitney’s view is not accru-
ate,” (letter to the editor, La Jolla Light, Jan. 26, Page 18).

Despite [LJCPA trustee Fritz Lieb-
hardt’s] opinion, I have great respect for the volunteers of the La Jolla Com-
munity Planning Association and the community planning process. I have been involved in the drafting of resolu-
tions of the La Jolla Shores Planned District Ordinance, design manual and community plan when I designed my home.

I did not however, count on my next-door neighbor [Liebhardt], an LJCPA committee member and my for-
erm, to take the opportunity to exag-
gerately misrepresent my project to protect our neighborhood. For this, I anticipate I will take legal action against this travesty.

Applicants deserve to be confident the LJCPA trustees will be impartial and honor the city rules that empow-
er them to make recommendations, including Council Policy 600-24, The Baked in La Jolla, which is the Information Bulletin 505 and 602. The applicants should be assured that each and every applicant has the same oppor-
tunity to participate and have their com-
munity planning groups is entrusted to comply with the community codes they judge others by.

Mr. Liebhardt has misrepresented the code compliance issues at 2210 Avenida de la Playa as being resolved. This is not true. The removal of off-
street parking is a violation that will not be ignored or forgiven by code enforcement. These violations were deliberate and intentional, a mis-
take by any standard.

He asked who Michael Stepner is; he was the city architect for San Diego and was employed in the Planning Department for 27 years. He is very active in the community, co-chairs the Coronado Banks Committee of San Diego Critical Solutions, and was an organizer of the “Oceans and Orchids” archi-
tectural award program. Mr. Steerner and Ernie Hahn are widely credited with saving the beachfront of downtown San Diego and especially its vibrant Gaslamp Quarter. He is also the author of the La Jolla Shores PDO. Protecting and fostering our commu-
nity planning process begins with compliance, truth and transparency. That’s what I am fighting for!

Deep Whitney
Member, La Jolla Association, La Jolla Town Coun-
cil, La Jolla Community Planning Association

Letters to the editor can be emailed to letters@sdnews.com.
La Jolla tech company strikes gold in Vegas

By MARIKO LAMB | VILLAGE NEWS

Without gambling a cent, Demian Borba, CEO of the La Jolla-based interactive agency Action Creations, and his lead developer, Douglas Saisho, recently took home a big win at the International Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas, the largest consumer technology trade show in the world.

Borba and Saisho competed against 150 international mobile application developers in a seven-hour developing session for AT&T’s Hackathon competition.

During the contest, software developers were challenged to create an app that could run on AT&T’s new mHealth Platform — a mobile health platform that will help users track their health and wellness information and share information with friends, family and healthcare professionals. The platform will allow users to track information that is often locked away at the doctor’s office — like blood pressure, sleep, exercise, body mass index and reminders to fill or take prescriptions — in one easy-to-use app.

Borba found a perfect fit for the dynamic health platform as a result of a surfing injury he had endured a week prior to the competition.

“Pretty much everyone at our company loves extreme sports, and the idea came when I hit my finger surfing and it got double the size,” he said while presenting his app at the event. “Also, seeing that people love to share their experiences, body mass index and reminders to fill or take prescriptions — in one easy-to-use app.

From their win, Borba and Saisho took home a $20,000 cash prize, a Microsoft Xbox 360 and Kinect for the entire team, and their new app will be featured in several promotional campaigns, including an AT&T commercial and promotional widget. The duo will also have the opportunity to spend three days at the AT&T Foundry for business and technical support, as well as take advantage of a six-month membership in the Alpha API program to help set up networking events with the best in the business.

Borba and Saisho said they will use their winnings to reinvest in the production of “Action X-Ray,” and by utilizing the resources AT&T will provide, they hope to bring their app to the top of the market.

For more information about Action Creations, visit www.actioncreations.com.
La Jolla alum predicted as first-round draft pick in MLB

BY MORGAN CARMODY

Baseball America recently predicted pitcher Kyle Zimmer, a 2009 graduate of La Jolla High School, will be a first-round draft pick for this year's Major League Baseball draft after the upcoming collegiate season.

"Kyle Zimmer was a very versatile athlete in high school, which is always a plus," said Jim Dixon, associate scout with the Toronto Blue Jays, responsible for San Diego County. Dixon went on to say that Zimmer was a "great pitcher and hitter for La Jolla High School."

After graduating from La Jolla High, Zimmer went on to play for the University of San Francisco. He said he chose USF because he was "more attracted to the location, the academics and the coaching staff," which he described as a "great group of guys." After his first year at USF, he received a scholarship to continue playing.

Last season, Zimmer went 6-4 with a 3.73 earned run average and 94 strikeouts at USF. He currently has a 3.73 earned run average and a team-high 89 strikeouts at USF. He said he chose USF because he was "more attracted to the location, the academics and the coaching staff," which he described as a "great group of guys." After his first year at USF, he received a scholarship to continue playing.

"At the time, I was vaguely interested in epidemics," said Meredith Lehmann, a young scientist. "I have greatly enjoyed the process of doing research," she said. "Even with the late nights I've spent debugging and the days of frustration as I clear all my other tasks before I can begin to identify the problem with my code."
La Jolla student crowned Miss San Diego

UCSD junior Van Pham, 22, won the title of Miss San Diego on Jan. 22, earning her a $1,000 scholarship and the chance to compete for the title of Miss California 2012 this summer.

“I was stunned when my name was announced,” she said. “All the contestants who competed are very deserving girls. Each of us gives back to our community and works extremely hard to bring attention to our platforms, in addition to school and jobs.”

Although Pham has competed in local pageants before, she said the Miss San Diego experience was unlike any other.

“I had a blast. The Miss San Diego Committee worked very hard to put together such an amazing show and were all very supportive,” she said. “I definitely walked away from the Miss San Diego pageant experience having met some amazing girls who I am happy to be able to call my new friends.”

In addition to building lasting friendships, Pham also took home a worth-while scholarship to help pay for tuition and books.

“Since I am financially supporting myself through college, I am extremely grateful that organizations such as this one exist,” she said. “The scholarship I won will go a long way in decreasing my financial burden from school.”

Pham, an economics major, music minor and multitalented musician, showcased the best of her musical ability with a piano performance that floored judges during the talent portion, which accounted for 35 percent of the overall score.

“Growing up, my parents showed me the importance of music and how it can be a positive force,” she said. “After high school, I worked at a children’s music studio helping to teach piano and guitar lessons. It is such a rewarding experience to be able to share my passion for music with others — not only do I get to work with kids, but I was surrounded by something I love every day.”

Pham, who grew up in Marin County, put her passion for helping children to good use by creating a daycare center at a homeless shelter in her hometown called “Little Fingers, Helping Hands” — a childcare program she hopes to duplicate at a San Diego-based shelter this summer.

“The program was a great success and allowed parents to have time away from their kids in order to look for jobs and proper housing,” she said. “I’m so grateful for this opportunity to spread awareness about my platform — a cause I care a lot about.”

“In preparation for the upcoming Miss California pageant, Pham is working on a new piano piece, improving her interpersonal skills, staying up-to-date with current events and working hard to advance her platform.”

“I am excited to have this opportunity of a lifetime to attend the state competition in Fresno with all the other inspiring titleholders,” she said. “I have grown so much as a person through my participation in the Miss America organization. I walk away from this pageant with more confidence and better interviewing skills.”

Winning Miss San Diego 2012 was a great reminder that perseverance, hard work and dedication really does pay off.”
Recognizing the Need for outside Help in Caregiving

Caregivers often don’t recognize when they are in over their heads, and often get to a breaking point. After a prolonged period of time, caregiving can become too difficult to endure any longer. Short-term, the caregiver can handle it. Long-term, support is needed. Outside help at this point is often necessary. A typical pattern with an overloaded caregiver may unfold as follows:

1 to 18 months—the caregiver is confident, has everything under control and is coping well. Other friends and family are lending support.

20 to 36 months—the caregiver may be taking medication to sleep and control mood swings. Outside help dwindles away and except for trips to the store or doctor, the caregiver has severed most social contacts. The caregiver feels alone and helpless.

38 to 50 months—Besides needing tranquilizers or antidepressants, the caregiver’s physical health is beginning to deteriorate. Lack of focus and sheer fatigue cloud judgment and the caregiver is often unable to make rational decisions or ask for help.

It is often at this stage that family or friends intercede and find other solutions for care. This may include respite care, hiring home health aides or putting the disabled loved one in a facility. Without intervention, the caregiver may become a candidate for long term care as well...read this entire article by going to www.planforcare.org. The RN Care Managers at Innovative Healthcare Consultants can also help guide you in the ways to get help. Call (877) 731-1442 toll free or visit our website at www.innovativehc.com.
FRIDAY, Feb. 3

• First Friday Film Flicks, 3:30 p.m., La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Ave., (858) 552-1657, www.lajollalibrary.org, free

• "The Art of Fugue," 7:30 p.m., Moli and Arthur Wagner Dance building, J.S. Bach’s fugues set to dance, (619) 341-1726, www.bach-collegiumsd.org, $40 patron, $25 general admission, $20 students and seniors

SATURDAY, Feb. 4

• "Spring Awakening," 8 p.m., Mandell Weiss Theatre, 9500 Gilman Drive, (858) 534-2230, theatre.ucsd.edu, $20 general admission, $15 senior or UCSD affiliate, $10 student

• Nicholas Andre Dance Company, 8 p.m., David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive, (858) 362-1348, www.lfjcc.org, $30 regular seating, $33 Gold Circle seating

• Tidepooling, 12:30 p.m., Dike Rock, directions provided at time of RSVP, (858) 534-3474, aquarium.ucsd.edu, $12 general admission, $10 members

SUNDAY, Feb. 5

• San Diego Interstitial Cystitis support group meeting, 1:30 p.m., SDG&E Room at Thornton Hospital, 9300 Campus Point Drive, (858) 672-2249, www.ic-network.com/support, free

• "Art and the Crossover Phenomena," 7:30 p.m., Athenaeum, 1008 Wall St., the Dialogues in Art & Architecture lecture series, (858) 454-5872, www.ljathenaeum.org, free

MONDAY, Feb. 6

• Camera Lucida No. 5, 7:30 p.m., Conrad Prebys Music Center, 9500 Gilman Drive, (619) 235-0804, www.sandiegosymphony.org, $25

TUESDAY, Feb. 7

• "The Way We Were in San Diego," 6:30 p.m., La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Ave., anecdotes about the city’s colorful past, (858) 552-1657, www.lajollalibrary.org, free

• "The Sacred and the Profane in Art: From the Greeks to the Renaissance," 7:30 p.m., Athenaeum, 1008 Wall St., (858) 454-5872, www.ljathenaeum.org, $12 members, $17 nonmembers

• La Jolla Town Council’s monthly charity poker night, 6 p.m. Hennessey’s Tavern, 7811 Herschel Ave., (858) 454-1444, www.lajollatowncouncil.org, free

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 8

• Cooking class and dinner, 6 p.m., The Marine Room, 2000 Spindrift Drive, three-course dinner with wine pairings, (866) 782-8855, www.marineroom.com, $75

• Black history luncheon, 2 p.m., Revelle College Plaza Cafe, 9500 Gilman Drive, (858) 534-0236, daizacksonbrown@ucsd.edu, free

THURSDAY, Feb. 9

• "Art and the Crossover Phenomena," 7:30 p.m., Athenaeum, 1008 Wall St., the Dialogues in Art & Architecture lecture series, (858) 454-5872, www.ljathenaeum.org, free
If you’ve not been attending the Riford Center’s Distinguished Speaker Series since Don Breitenberg and Reena Horowitz started it last July, you’re missing out on one of La Jolla’s best opportunities. About once a month, the series brings such wonderfully interesting speakers as Qualcomm founder Irwin Jacobs, Mayor Jerry Sanders, Adm. William French and county Supervisor Pam Slater Price. Admission is free and open to the public, and light refreshments are served. Eager listeners typically number 120-150.

Last Thursday, the speaker was Walter Munk, longtime La Jolla resident and scientist at UC San Diego’s Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Winner of numerous awards and widely regarded as one of the world’s greatest living oceanographers, Dr. Munk is recognized for his “pioneering and fundamental contributions to our understanding of ocean circulation, tides and waves, and their role in the Earth’s dynamics.”

Born in 1917 Vienna, Munk was sent to be educated in America. Graduating from the California Institute of Technology in 1939, he came to La Jolla for a summer job at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. There, he became one of the institute’s 15 employees (they now have about 1,500). He frequently played tennis with the Scripps director’s wife, and when she won, she would invite him dinner. Needless to say, his game steadily deteriorated…

Munk’s hour-long talk at the Riford was delivered with interesting anecdotes about his work and a great deal of humor. During World War II, his research allowed him to predict wave and surf conditions at shores around the globe. This not only greatly aided the Allies’ invasion plans, but now makes it possible for surfers everywhere to know in advance what the wave height and frequency will be at any beach. He was also the first to rigorously show how the phenomenon of tidal locking keeps one side of the moon always facing the earth. Aspects of his work have much relevance today in understanding the facts regarding global…

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Donovan’s Steak House
They may look good enough to eat, but the paintings and sculptures at Dono-
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When it comes to post office battles, La Jollans never back down. As early as 1927, a survey of post office efficiency recommended that all of the separate and distinct post offices in San Diego be incorporated into the city postal system. La Jolla’s reply: “About one and a half centuries ago, the good people of Boston held a tea party. It was not exactly a social event …”

After months of back-and-forth arguments, the Postmaster General in Washington, D.C., conceded that La Jolla would not be consolidated. Today’s battle — hinged on the announced sale of the La Jolla Post office building at 1140 Wall St. and the relocation of the existing operation in another location — is rapidly building steam as Save the Post Office rallies and petitions are organized.

The La Jolla Historical Society is seeking historic designation of the 1935 building at state and national levels, as well as organizing community awareness of the post office proposal, which could result in the loss of one of La Jolla’s most significant historic structures. Anyone wishing to help may visit www.lajollahistory.org or www.SaveLaJollaPostOffice.org. The public is also invited to take part in a post office rally on Saturday, Feb. 4 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Wisteria Cottage, 780 Prospect St.

While the outcome of today’s post office dilemma is uncertain, the history of post office issues in La Jolla through the years has faithfully pricked the community to attention.

The post office — the building, the postal mark, the ZIP code — is and has been an important link to community identity in spite of — and, perhaps, because of — La Jolla’s lack of its own city hall.

From 1927 through 1935 (when the new post office was built) and until early 1951, La Jollans peaceably mailed their letters and packages with (assumedly) happy faces. The bubble burst early in 1951, when the federal government announced La Jolla postal service would be consolidated within a San Diego substation. An article in The San Diego Union newspaper reported, “The peaceful village of La Jolla, where a carelessly dropped pin may elicit reproving shushes, erupted yesterday over a report the town is about to lose its valued postmark.”

This episode led to 10,000 signatures and 100 telegrams sent to Washington, D.C. By May of 1952, it was conceded that it was “not feasible at this time to combine the San Diego and La Jolla post offices.” The La Jolla Journal concurred: “La Jolla citizens who have been engaged in one of the bitterest inter-urban scraps in the city’s history — that to retain their own post office — apparently are winners of the battle.”

Ten years later in 1962, a similar battle emerged and was thwarted by community rallies and petitions. At that time, La Jolla Town Council manager H. Bailey Gallinson contended: “The swallowing up of the La Jolla Post Office into the maw of the San Diego main office destroys the image and individuality of the community which we are trying so hard to maintain and further.”

Today there is a different set of concerns. But remember, La Jolla, when it comes to do with the post office, you haven’t lost yet!

— Carol Olten is the historian of the La Jolla Historical Society

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